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


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Dear :

My delay in replying to your letter of August 5th is due to the fact that I wanted personally to go over all the circumstances involved in your possible employment by the Agency. As you know, I felt very strongly that you would be useful to us.

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You are also aware, however, that the laws and regulations under which this Agency operates are particularly drastic. Under the circumstances presently existing, there is absolutely no use in my pressing for your employment here. To do so would involve  and yourself in a series of investigations which would be particularly trying for her and, while you probably would come through in the end with flying colors, I do not think that it would be right to subject you to such an ordeal. As you said in your letter, both you and  have been subjected for a long period of time to many conflicting pressures and associations over which, by force of circumstance, you have had little control. Nevertheless, these conditions would make the process of entry into CIA employment a very difficult ordeal which I do not believe would be either to your interest or those of the Agency.

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Faithfully,

SIGNED

Walter B. Smith  
Director

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